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SUBJECT: COACH, CZECH BASKETBALL TEAM - ZBYNEK KUBIN

1. WELL-ESTABLISHED CZECH BASKETBALL COACH, ZDYNEK KUBIN, CURRENTLY WORKING WITH CZECH MINED CENTER FOR ADVANCED-LEVEL SPORTS AT TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN GAINING PERMISSION TO OBSERVE VARSITY BASKETBALL PRACTICE AND TRAINING SESSIONS AT UCLA DURING 1976. ASIDE FROM ACCESS TO TRAINING SESSIONS AND OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK INFORMALLY WITH COACHING STAFF, WRITTEN INVITATION FROM APPROPRIATE UCLA OFFICE, ADDRESSED DIRECTLY BY MAIL TO KUBIN, IS PREREQUISITE FOR CZECH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION APPROVAL OF HIS TRAVEL.

2. TRAVEL AND LIVING EXPENSES FOR KUBIN WILL BE FULLY PAID BY ALEX A. SHIPLEY, 4639 BEVERLY BLVD., LOS ANGELS 90004. ONLY OBLIGATION OF UCLA WOULD BE COOPERATING IN ARRANGING INFORMAL OBSERVATION OF TRAINING SESSIONS. KUBIN IS FULLY AWARE OF LIMITATIONS INHERENT IN HIS POSITION AS ESSENTIALLY SELF-INVITED GUEST.

3. OVER PAST 25 YEARS, KUBIN HAS HAD EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE AS COACH OF CZECH MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TEAMS PLAYING AT JUNIOR AND SENIOR LEVELS IN BOTH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION. KUBIN COACHED CZECH TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY MEN'S TEAM, 1962-67; AND SPARTA SPORTS CLUB WOMEN'S TEAM, 1965-73. DURING THIS PERIOD, SPARTA CLUB WAS SIX TIMES CZECH CHAMPIONS AND
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TWICE TOOK SECOND PLACE IN NATIONAL COMPETITION, GOING ON TO FINALS IN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS A TOTAL OF FIVE TIMES.

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4. PERIODS DURING WHICH KUBIN COULD ARRANGE TRAVEL TO US FOR OBSERVATION AT UCLA ARE AS FOLLOWS: FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 6, 1976; OCTOBER 15 NOVEMBER 30, 1976.

5. REQUEST DEPARTMENT DETERMINE IF UCLA WILLING TO RECEIVE KUBIN ON BASIS OUTLINED ABOVE DURING EITHER OF LISTED TIME PERIODS. IF SO, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING CONFIRMATION ACCEPTANCE, AS WELL AS DATE INVITIATION MAILED TO KUBIN.

6. KUBIN'S ADDRESS AS FOLLOWS: ZBYNEK KUBIN, HAVLICKOVA 1247, 251 01 RICANY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
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